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Re Sofia's 203 to Department, repeated information 6
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There is no evidence whatever that RPR disapproved of
Khrushchev back down on Cuba. On contrary RPR officials
demonstrated genuine relief after October 28 that danger
of war averted. Prior to October 28, regime generally
followed Soviet line, thought it was more guarded in
reacting to quarantine than was USSR. If regime has any
private doubts re Soviet handling Cuban situation (which
is not proven), they probably are that USSR unnecessarily
produced dangerous situation by over-committing itself
in Cuba.

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